

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:
a cabinet;
a light source ~~disposed within the cabinet~~;
a decorative panel, disposed in front of the light source, including a first surface ~~for receiving on which~~ light from the light source is incident;
support means, provided ~~with~~ within the cabinet, for supporting the decorative panel ~~from at~~ the first surface; ~~and~~
a frame, detachably attached to the cabinet, including a back face for supporting the decorative panel ~~from at~~ a second surface of the decorative panel, opposite the first surface, when the frame is secured to the cabinet; and
a cover attached to the back face of the frame, exposing a peripheral part of the first surface of the decorative panel, covering the light source, and having an opening directed toward the frame, wherein a space for accommodating the decorative panel is located between the cover and the back face of the frame
2. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the support means supports the decorative panel while ~~in contact with~~ contacting only a peripheral part of the first surface of the decorative panel.
3. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the frame further comprises panel safety means, disposed at a position opposing a bottom end of the decorative panel, for preventing the decorative panel from dropping out of the ~~cabinet~~ frame.
4. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the frame includes an insertion opening for receiving the decorative panel from a bottom end of the ~~frame~~ decorative panel.
5. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 3, including a shaft attached to the cabinet, wherein one end of the frame is ~~axially~~ supported by the shaft for rotation of the frame about the shaft.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

7. (New) A gaming machine comprising:
a cabinet;
a light source;
a decorative panel, disposed in front of the light source, including a first surface on which light from the light source is incident;
a frame, detachably attached to the cabinet, including a back face for supporting the decorative panel at a second surface of the decorative panel, opposite the first surface, when the frame is secured to the cabinet;
a resilient support located within and projecting outwardly toward the decorative panel, for supporting the decorative panel at the first surface when the frame is secured to the cabinet; and
a cover attached to the back face of the frame, exposing a peripheral part of the first surface of the decorative panel, covering the light source, and having an opening directed toward the frame, wherein a space for accommodating the decorative panel is located between the cover and the back face of the frame.

8. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the resilient support supports the decorative panel while contacting only a peripheral part of the first surface of the decorative panel.

9. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the frame further comprises a projecting bottom flange, disposed at a position opposing a bottom end of the decorative panel, for preventing the decorative panel from dropping out of the frame.

10. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 8, wherein the frame includes an insertion opening for receiving the decorative panel from a bottom end of the decorative panel.

11. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 8, including a shaft attached to the cabinet, wherein one end of the frame is supported by the shaft for rotation of the frame about the shaft.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.